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### THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 89/107/EEC of 21 December 1988 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning food additives authorized for use in foodstuffs intended for human consumption (1), as amended by Directive 94/34/EC (2), and in particular Article 3 (3) (a) thereof,

After consultation of the Scientific Committee on Food,

Whereas it is necessary to establish purity criteria for all sweeteners mentioned in European Parliament and Council Directive 94/35/EC of 30 June 1994 on sweeteners for use in foodstuffs (3);

Whereas it is necessary to take into account the specifications and analytical techniques for sweeteners as set out in the Codex Alimentarius and the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (Jecfa);

Whereas food additives, prepared by production methods or starting materials significantly different from those included in the evaluation of the Scientific Committee for Food, or different from those mentioned in this Directive, should be submitted for evaluation by the Scientific Committee for Food with a view to full evaluation with emphasis on the purity criteria;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Directive are in line with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Foodstuffs,

### HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

#### Article 1

- 1. Purity criteria mentioned under Article 3 (3) (a) of Directive 89/107/EEC for sweeteners mentioned in Directive 94/35/EC are set out in the Annex.
- The purity criteria for E 420 (i), E 420 (ii) and E 421 mentioned in the Annex to this Directive supersede the purity criteria for the said substances mentioned in the Annex to Council Directive 78/663/EEC (4).

# Article 2

1. Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive not later than 1 July 1996. They shall forthwith inform the Commission thereof.

When Member States adopt these provisions, these shall contain a reference to this Directive or shall be accompanied by such reference at the time of their official publication. The procedure for such reference shall be adopted by Member States.

2. Products put on the market or labelled before that date which do not comply with this Directive may, however, be marketed until stocks are exhausted.

#### Article 3

This Directive shall enter into force on the 20th day following its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

OJ No L 40, 11. 2. 1989, p. 27. OJ No L 237, 10. 9. 1994, p. 1. OJ No L 237, 10. 9. 1994, p. 3.

OJ No L 223, 14. 8. 1978, p. 7.

# Article 4

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

#### ANNEX

E 420 (i) — SORBITOL

Synonyms D-glucitol, D-sorbitol

**Definition** 

Chemical name D-glucitol
Einecs 200-061-5
E number E 420 (i)

Chemical formula C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>6</sub>

Relative molecular mass 182,17

Assay Content not less than 97% of total glycitols and not less than 91% of D-sorbitol on the

dry weight basis.

Glycitols are compounds with the structural formula CH<sub>2</sub>OH-(CHOH)<sub>n</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>OH, where

'n' is an integer

**Description** White hygroscopic powder, crystalline powder, flakes or granules having a sweet taste

Identification

A. Solubility Very soluble in water, slightly soluble in ethanol

B. *Melting range* 88 to 102 °C

C. Sorbitol monobenzylidene derivative

To 5 g of the sample add 7 ml of methanol, 1 ml of benzaldehyde and 1 ml of hydrochloric acid. Mix and shake in a mechanical shaker until crystals appear. Filter with the aid of suction, dissolve the crystals in 20 ml of boiling water containing 1 g of sodium bicarbonate, filter while hot, cool the filtrate, filter with suction, wash with 5 ml of methanol-water mixture (1 in 2) and dry in air. The crystals so obtained melt between 173 and 179  $^{\circ}$ C

Purity

Water content Not more than 1 % (Karl Fischer method)

Sulphated ash Not more than 0,1 % expressed on dry weight basis

Reducing sugars Not more than 0,3 % expressed as glucose on dry weight basis

Total sugars Not more than 1% expressed as glucose on dry weight basis

Chlorides Not more than 50 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Sulphates Not more than 100 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Not more than 2 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Arsenic Not more than 3 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Lead Not more than 1 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Heavy metals Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed as Pb on dry weight basis

E 420 (ii) — SORBITOL SYRUP

Synonyms D-clucitol syrup

Definition

Chemical name

Sorbitol syrup formed by hydrogenation of glucose syrup is composed of D-sorbitol, D-mannitol and hydrogenated saccharides.

The part of the product which is not D-sorbitol is composed mainly of hydrogenated oligosaccharides formed by the hydrogenation of glucose syrup used as raw material (in which case the syrup is non-crystallizing) or mannitol. Minor quantities of glycitols where  $n \leq 4$  may be present. Glycitols are compounds with the structural formula  $\text{CH}_2\text{OH}\text{-}(\text{CHOH})_n\text{-}\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ , where 'n' is an integer

 $C11_2O11$ - $(C11O11)_n$ - $C11_2O11$ , where n

Einecs 270-337-8

E number E 420 (ii)

Assay Content not less than 69% total solids and not less than 50% of D-sorbitol on the

anhydrous basis

**Description** Clear colourless and sweet tasting aqueous solution

Identification

A. Solubility Miscible with water, with glycerol, and with propane-1,2-diol

B. Sorbitol monobenzylidene derivative

To 5 g of the sample a hydrochloric acid. Mix a

To 5 g of the sample add 7 ml of methanol, 1 ml of benzaldehyde and 1 ml of hydrochloric acid. Mix and shake in a mechanical shaker until crystals appear. Filter with the aid of suction, dissolve the crystals in 20 ml of boiling water containing 1 g of sodium bicarbonate, filter while hot. Cool the filtrate filter with suction, wash with 5 ml of methanol-water mixture (1 in 2) and dry in air. The crystals so obtained melt between

173 and  $179\,^{\circ}\text{C}$ 

Purity

Water content Not more than 31 % (Karl Fischer method)

Sulphated ash Not more than 0,1 % expressed on dry weight basis

Reducing sugars Not more than 0,3 % expressed as glucose on dry weight basis

Chlorides Not more than 50 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Sulphates Not more than 100 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Not more than 2 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Arsenic Not more than 3 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Lead Not more than 1 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Heavy metals Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed as Pb on dry weight basis

### **▼**M2

E 421 MANNITOL

1.	Mannitol
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Synonyms D-mannitol

**Definition**Mannitol is manufactured by catalytic hydrogenation of a mixture of glucose and

fructose made from invert sugar

D-mannitol

Einecs 200-711-8

Chemical formula  $C_6H_{14}O_6$ 

Molecular weight 182,2

Assay Content not less than 96,0 % D-mannitol and not more than 102 % on the dried basis

**Description** White, odourless, crystalline powder

Identification

Chemical name

A. Solubility Soluble in water, very slightly soluble in ethanol, practically insoluble in ether

B. Melting range Between 164 and 169 °C.

C. Thin layer chromato- Passes test

graphy

D. Specific rotation  $\left[\alpha\right]_{D}^{20}$ : + 23° to + 25° (borate solution)

D. Specific rotation  $[\alpha]_D$ . +25 to +25 (borate solution

E. pH Between 5 and 8

Add 0,5 ml of a saturated solution of potassium chloride to 10 ml of a 10 % w/v solution of the sample, then measure the pH

of the sample, then measure the pH

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Purity

Loss on drying Not more than 0,3 % (105 °C, 4 hours)

Reducing sugars Not more than 0,3 % (as glucose)

Total sugars Not more than 1 % (as glucose)

Sulphated ash Not more than 0,1 %

Chlorides Not more than 70 mg/kg
Sulphate Not more than 100 mg/kg

Nickel Not more than 2 mg/kg

Lead Not more than 1 mg/kg

2. Mannitol manufactured by fermentation

Synonyms D-mannitol

Definition Mannitol can also be manufactured by discontinuous fermentation under aerobic

conditions a conventional strain of the yeast Zygosaccharomyces rouxii

Chemical name D-mannitol

Einecs 200-711-8

Chemical formula  $C_6H_{14}O_6$ 

Molecular weight 182,2

Assay Not less than 99 % on the dried basis

**Description** White, odourles crystalline powder

Identification

A. Solubility Soluble in water, very slightly soluble in ethanol, practically insoluble in ether

B. Melting range Between 164 and 169 °C.

C. Thin layer chromato- Passes test

graphy

D. Specific rotation

 $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ : + 23° to + 25° (borate solution)

E. pH Between 5 and 8

Add 0,5 ml of a saturated solution of potassium chloride to 10 ml of a 10 % w/v solution

of the sample, then measure the pH

Purity

Arabitol Not more than 0,3 %

Loss on drying Not more than 0,3 % (105 °C, 4 hours)

Reducing sugars

Not more than 0,3 % (as glucose)

Total sugars

Not more than 1 % (as glucose)

Sulphated ash Not more than 0,1 %

Chlorides Not more than 70 mg/kg

Sulphate Not more than 100 mg/kg

Lead Not more than 1 mg/kg

Aerobic mesophilic bac-

teria

Not more than  $10^3/g$ 

Coliforms

Absent in 10 g

Salmonella

Absent in 10 g

E. coli

Absent in 10 g

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Staphylococcus aureus Absent in 10 g

Pseudomonas aerugino- Absent in 10 g

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Moulds Yeasts Not more than 100/g
Not more than 100/g

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E 953 — ISOMALT

Synonyms Hydrogenated isomaltulose, hydrogenated palatinose.

Definition

Chemical name Isomalt is a mixture of hydrogenated mono- and disaccharides whose principal

components are the disaccharides:

 $6\text{-O-}\alpha\text{-D-Glucopyranosyl-D-sorbitol}$  (1,6-GPS) and 1-O- $\alpha\text{-D-Glucopyranosyl-D-man-}$ 

nitol dihydrate (1,1-GPM)

Chemical formula 6-O- $\alpha$ -D-Glucopyranosyl-D-sorbitol:  $C_{12}H_{24}O_{11}$ 

1-O- $\alpha$ -D-Glucopyranosyl-D-mannitol dihydrate:  $C_{12}H_{24}O_{11}.2H_2O$ 

Relative molecular mass 6-O-α-D-Glucopyranosyl-D-sorbitol: 344,32

1-O-α-D-Glucopyranosyl-D-mannitol dihydrate: 380,32

Assay

Content not less than 98 % of hydrogenated mono- and disaccharides and not less than 86 % of the mixture of 6-O-α-D-Glucopyranosyl-D-sorbitol and 1-O-α-D-Glucopyr-

anosyl-D-mannitol dihydrate determined on the anhydrous basis.

**Description** Odourless, white, slightly hygroscopic, crystalline mass.

Identification

A. *Solubility* Soluble in water, very slightly soluble in ethanol.

B. *Thin layer chromatogra-* Examine by thin layer chromatography using a plate coated with an approximately 0,2 mm layer of chromatographic silica gel. The principal spots in the chromatogram are

those of 1,1-GPM and 1,6-GPS.

Purity

Water content Not more than 7 % (Karl Fischer Method)

Sulphated ash Not more than 0,05 % expressed on the dry weight basis

D-Mannitol Not more than 3 %
D-Sorbitol Not more than 6 %

Reducing sugars Not more than 0,3 % expressed as glucose on the dry weight basis

Not more than 2 mg/kg expressed on the dry weight basis

Arsenic

Not more than 3 mg/kg expressed on the dry weight basis

Lead

Not more than 1 mg/kg expressed on the dry weight basis

Heavy metals (as Pb) Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed on the dry weight basis.

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E 965 (i) — MALTITOL

Synonyms D-maltitol, hydrogenated maltose

Definition

Chemical name (α)-D-glucopyranosyl-1,4-D-glucitol

Einecs 209-567-0

 $\begin{array}{ccc} \textit{E number} & & E \; 965 \; (i) \\ \\ \textit{Chemical formula} & & C_{12}H_{24}O_{11} \\ \end{array}$ 

Relative molecular mass 344,31

Assay Content not less than 98 % D-mannitol C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>11</sub> on the anhydrous basis

**Description** Sweet tasting, white crystalline powder

Identification

A. Solubility Very soluble in water, slightly soluble in ethanol

B. Melting range 148 to 151 °C

C. Specific rotation  $(\alpha)_D^{20} = +105.5$  to  $+105.5^{\circ}$  (5 % w/v solution)

Purity

Arsenic

Water content Not more than 1 % (Karl Fischer method)

Sulphated ash Not more than 0,1 % expressed on dry weight basis

Reducing sugars Not more than 0,1% expressed as glucose on dry weight basis

Chlorides Not more than 50 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Sulphates Not more than 100 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Not more than 2 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Lead Not more than 1 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Heavy metals Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed as Pb on dry weight basis

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E 965 (ii) SYRUP MALTITOL

Synonyms Hydrogenated high-maltose-glucose syrup, hydrogenated glucose syrup

Definition A mixture consisting of mainly maltitol with sorbitol and hydrogenated oligo- and

Not more than 3 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

polysaccharides. It is manufactured by the catalytic hydrogenation of high maltose-content glucose syrup. The article of commerce is supplied both as a syrup and as a solid product.

Assay Content not less than 99 % of total hydrogenated saccharides on the anhydrous basis and not

less than 50 % of maltitol on the anhydrous basis

Description Colourless and odourless, clear viscous liquids or white crystalline masses

Identification

A. Solubility Very soluble in water, slightly soluble in ethanol

B. Thin layer chromatography Passes test

Purity

Water Not more than 31 % (Karl Fischer)
Reducing sugars Not more than 0,3 % (as glucose)

Sulphated ash Not more than 0,1 %

Chlorides Not more than 50 mg/kg

Sulphate Not more than 100 mg/kg

Nickel Not more than 2 mg/kg

Lead Not more than 1 mg/kg

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### E 966 — LACTITOL

Synonyms Lactit, lactositol, lactobiosit

Definition

Chemical name 4-O-β-D-galactopyranosyl-D-glucitol

 Einecs
 209-566-5

 E number
 E 966

Chemical formula  $C_{12}H_{24}O_{11}$ 

Relative molecular mass 344,32

Assay Not less than 95 % on the dry weight basis

Description Sweet-tasting crystalline powders or colourless solutions. Crystalline products occur in

anhydrous, monohydrate and dihydrate forms

Identification

A. Solubility Very soluble in water

B. Specific rotation  $(\alpha)_D^{20} = +13$  to  $+16^{\circ}$  calculated on the anhydrous basis (10 % w/v aqueous solution)

Purity

Water content Crystalline products; not more than 10,5 % (Karl Fischer method)

Other polyols Not more than 2,5 % on the anhydrous basis

Reducing sugars Not more than 0,2 % expressed as glucose on dry weight basis

Chlorides

Not more than 100 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Sulphates

Not more than 200 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Sulphated ash

Not more than 0,1 % expressed on dry weight basis

Nickel

Not more than 2 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Arsenic Not more than 3 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Lead Not more than 1 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Heavy metals Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed as Pb on dry weight basis

E 967 — XYLITOL

Synonyms Xylitol

Definition

Relative molecular mass 152,15

Assay Not less than 98,5 % as xylitol on the anhydrous basis

**Description** White, crystalline powder, practically odourless with a very sweet taste

Identification

A. Solubility Very soluble in water, sparingly soluble in ethanol

B. Melting range 92 to 96 °C

C. pH 5 to 7 (10% w/v aqueous solution)

Purity

Loss on drying Not more than 0,5 %. Dry 0,5 g of sample in a vacuum over phosphorus at 60 °C for four

hours

Sulphated ash Not more than 0,1 % expressed on dry weight basis

Reducing sugars Not more than 0,2 % expressed as glucose on dry weight basis

Other polyhydric alcohols Not more than 1% expressed on dry weight basis

Not more than 2 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Arsenic Not more than 3 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Lead Not more than 1 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Heavy metals Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed as Pb on dry weight basis

Chlorides Not more than 100 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Sulphates Not more than 200 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

E 950 — ACESULFAME K

Synonyms Acesulfame potassium, acesulfam, potassium salt of 3,4-dihydro-6-methyl-1,2,3-

oxathiazin-4-one-2,2-dioxide

Definition

Chemical name 6-methyl-1,2,3-oxathiazin-4(3H)-one-2,2-dioxide potassium salt

 Einecs
 259-715-3

 E number
 E 950

Chemical formula C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>4</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>SK

Relative molecular mass 201,24

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Assay Not less than 99% of C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>4</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>SK on the anhydrous basis

**Description**Odourless, white, crystalline powder having an intensively sweet taste. Approximately

200 times as sweet as sucrose

Identification

A. Solubility Very soluble in water, very slightly soluble in ethanol

B. Ultra-violet absorption Maximum 227 ± 2 nm for a solution of 10 mg in 1 000 ml of water

Purity

Loss on drying Not more than 1 % (105 °C, two hours)

Arsenic Not more than 3 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Selenium Not more than 30 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Fluoride Not more than 3 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Lead Not more than 1 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Heavy metals Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed as Pb on dry weight basis

E 951 — ASPARTAME

Synonyms Aspartyl phenylalanine methyl ester

Definition

Chemical name N-L-α-(Aspartyl-L-phenylalanine-1-methyl ester, 3-amino-N-(α-carbomethoxy-phe-

nethyl)-succinamic acid-N-methyl ester

*Einecs* 245-261-3

E number E 951

Chemical formula C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>

Relative molecular mass 294,31

Assay Not less than 98 % and not more than 102% of  $C_{14}H_{18}N_2O_5$  on the anhydrous basis

**Description** White, odourless, crystalline powder having a sweet taste. Approximately 200 times as

sweet as sucrose

Identification

Solubility Slightly soluble in water and in ethanol

Purity

Loss on drying Not more than 4,5 % (105 °C, four hours)

Sulphated ash Not more than 0,2 % expressed on dry weight basis

pH Between 4,5 and 6,0 (1 in 125 solution)

Transmittance The transmittance of a 1 % solution in 2N hydrochloric acid, determined in a 1-cm cell

at 430 nm with a suitable spectrophotometer, using 2N hydrochloric acid as a reference, is not less than 0,95, equivalent to an absorbance of not more than approximately 0,022

Specific rotation  $(\alpha)_D^{20}$ : +14,5 to +16,5°

Determine in a 4 in 100/15 N formic acid solution within 30 minutes after preparation of

the sample solution

Arsenic Not more than 3 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Lead Not more than 1 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Heavy metals Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed as Pb on dry weight basis

5-Benzyl-3,6-dioxo-2-piper- Not more than 1,5 % expressed on dry weight basis

azineacetic acid

# E 952 — CYCLAMIC ACID AND ITS Na AND Ca SALTS

### (I) CYCLAMIC ACID

E number

**Synonyms** Cyclohexylsulphamic acid, cyclamate

E 952

Definition

Chemical name Cyclohexanesulphamic acid, cyclohexylaminosulphonic acid

*Einecs* 202-898-1

Chemical formula C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S

Relative molecular mass 179,24

Assay Cyclohexylsulphamic acid contains not less than 98% and not more than the equivalent

of 102% of C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S, calculated on the anhydrous basis

**Description** A practically colourless, white crystalline powder with a sweet-sour taste. Approxi-

mately 40 times as sweet as sucrose

Identification

A. Solubility Soluble in water and in ethanol

B. Precipitation test

Acidify a 2% solution with hydrochloric acid, add 1 ml of an approximately molar solution of barium chloride in water and filter if any haze or precipitate forms. To the clear solution add 1 ml of a 10% solution of sodium nitrite. A white precipitate forms.

Purity

Loss on drying Not more than 1 % (105 °C, one hour)

Selenium Not more than 30 mg/kg expressed as selenium on dry weight basis

Lead Not more than 1 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Heavy metals Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed as Pb on dry weight basis

Arsenic Not more than 3 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Cyclohexylamine Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Dicyclohexylamine Not more than 1 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

(II) SODIUM CYCLAMATE

Synonyms Cyclamate, sodium salt of cyclamic acid

Definition

Aniline

Chemical name Sodium cyclohexanesulphamate, sodium cyclohexylsulphamate

Einecs 205-348-9

E number E 952

Chemical formula C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>12</sub>NNaO<sub>3</sub>S and the dihydrate form C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>12</sub>NNaO<sub>3</sub>S·2H<sub>2</sub>O

Relative molecular mass 201,22 calculated on the anhydrous form 237,22 calculated on the hydrated form

Assay Not les sthan 98 % and not more than 102 % on the dried basis

Dihydrate form: not less than 84 % on the dried basis

Not more than 1 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

**Description** White, odourless crystals or crystalline powder. Approximately 30 times as sweet as

sucrose

Identification

Soluble in water, practically insoluble in ethanol

Purity

Loss on drying Not more than 1 % (105 °C, one hour)

Not more than 15,2 % (105 °C, two hours) for the dihydrate form

Selenium Not more than 30 mg/kg expressed as selenium on dry weight basis

Arsenic Not more than 3 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Lead Not more than 1 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Heavy metals Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed as Pb on dry weight basis

Cyclohexylamine

Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Not more than 1 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Aniline

Not more than 1 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

(III) CALCIUM CYCLAMATE

Synonyms Cyclamate, calcium salt of cyclamic acid

Definition

Chemical name Calcium cyclohexanesulphamate, calcium cyclohexylsulphamate

 Einecs
 205-349-4

 E number
 E 952

Chemical formula C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>24</sub>CaN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S<sub>2</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O

Relative molecular mass 432,57

Assay Not less than 98 % and not more than 10 % on the dried basis

**Description** White, colourless crystals or crystaline powder. Approximately 30 times as sweet as

sucrose

Identification

Soluble in water, sparingly soluble in ethanol

Purity

Loss on drying Not more than 1% (105 °C, one hour)

Not more than 8.5% ( $140\,^{\circ}$ C, four hours) for the dihydrate form

Selenium Not more than 30 mg/kg expressed as selenium on dry weight basis

Arsenic Not more than 3 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Lead Not more than 1 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Heavy metals Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed as Pb on dry weight basis

Cyclohexylamine

Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Not more than 1 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Aniline

Not more than 1 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

#### E 954 — SACCHARIN AND ITS Na. K AND Ca SALTS

## (I) SACCHARIN

### Definition

Chemical name 3-oxo-2,3dihydrobenzo(d)isothiazol-1,1-dioxide

Einecs201-321-0E numberE 954Chemical formula $C_7H_5NO_3S$ Relative molecular mass183.18

Assay Not less than 99% and not more than 101,0% of C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>5</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S on the anhydrous basis

**Description** White crystals or a white crystalline powder, odourless or with a faint, aromatic odour

having a sweet taste even in very dilute solutions. Approximately between 300 and 500

times as sweet as sucrose

Identification

Solubility Slightly soluble in water, soluble in basic solutions, sparingly soluble in ethanol

Purity

Loss on drying Not more than 1 % (105 °C, two hours)

Melting range 226 to 230 °C

Arsenic Not more than 3 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Selenium Not more than 30 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Lead Not more than 1 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Heavy metals Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed as Pb on dry weight basis

Sulphated ash Not more than 0,2 % expressed on dry weight basis

Benzoic and salicylic

acid

To 10 ml of a 1 in 20 solution, previously acidified with five drops of acetic acid, add three drops of an approximately molar solution of ferric chloride in water. No precipitate or violet colour appears

 $o ext{-}Toluene sulphonamide$ 

Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

p-Toluenesulphonamide Benzoic acid p-sulfonamide

Not more than 25 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Readily carbonizable substances

Absent

#### (II) SODIUM SACCHARIN

Synonyms

Saccharin, sodium salt of saccharin

Definition

Chemical name

Sodium o-benzosulphimide, sodium salt of 2,3-dihydro-3-oxobenzisosulfonazole, oxobenzisosulfonazole, 1,2-benzisothiazolin-3-one-1, 1-dioxide sodium salt dihydrate

Einecs

E number

E 954

204-886-1

Chemical formula

C7H4NNaO3S·2H2O

Relative molecular mass

241,19

Assav Description Not less than 99 % and not more than 101 % of C7H4NNaO3S on the anhydrous basis White crystals or a white crystalline efflorescent powder, odourless or with a faint,

odour, hvaing an intensely sweet taste, even in very dilute solutions. Approximately between 300 and 500 times as sweet as sucrose in dilute solutions

Identification

Solubility

Freely soluble in water, sparingly soluble in ethanol

Purity

Loss on drying

Not more than 15 % (120 °C, four hours)

Arsenic

Not more than 3 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Selenium

Not more than 30 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Lead

Not more than 1 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Heavy metals

Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed as Pb on dry weight basis

Benzoic and salicylic

acid

To 10 ml of a 1 in 20 solution, previously acidified with five drops of acetic acid, add three drops of an approximately molar solution of ferric chloride in water. No precipitate or violet colour appears

o-Toluenesulphonamide

Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

p-Toluenesulphonamide

Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Benzoic acid p-sulfona-

Not more than 25 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

mide

Absent

Readily carbonizable substances

### (III) CALCIUM SACCHARIN

Synonyms

Saccharin, calcium salt of saccharin

Definition

Chemical name

Calcium o-benzosulphimide, calcium salt of 2,3-dihydro-3-oxobenzisosulphonazole, 1,2-benzisothiazolin-3-one-1,1-dioxide calcium salt hydrate (2:7)

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E number

E 954

Chemical formula C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>8</sub>CaN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S<sub>2</sub>·3½H<sub>2</sub>O

Relative molecular mass 467,48

Assay Not less than 95% of C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>8</sub>CaN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S<sub>2</sub> on the anhydrous basis

**Description**White crystals or a white crystalline powder, odourless or with a faint odour, having an intensely sweet taste, even in very dilute solutions. Approximately between 300 and 500

times as sweet as sucrose in dilute solutions

Identification

Solubility Freely soluble in water, soluble in ethanol

Purity

Loss on drying Not more than 13,5 % (120 °C, four hours)

Arsenic Not more than 3 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Selenium Not more than 30 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Lead Not more than 1 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Heavy metals Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed as Pb on dry weight basis

Benzoic and salicylic

acid

To 10 ml of a 1 in 20 solution, previously acidified with five drops of acetic acid, add three drops of an approximately molar solution of ferric chloride in water. No precipitate or violet colour appears

o-Toluenesulphonamide Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

p-Toluenesulphonamide Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Benzoic acid p-sulfona- Not more than 25 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

mide

Readily carbonizable

substances

Absent

(IV) POTASSIUM SACCHARIN

Synonyms Saccharin, potassium salt of saccharin

Definition

Chemical name Potassium o-benzosulphimide, potassium salt of 2,3-dihydro-3-oxobenzisosulphonazole,

potassium salt of 1,2-benzisothiazolin-3-one-1,1-dioxide monohydrate

Einecs

E number E 954

Chemical formula C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>4</sub>KNO<sub>3</sub>S·H<sub>2</sub>O

Relative molecular mass 239,77

Assay Not less than 99% and not more than 101% of C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>4</sub>KNO<sub>3</sub>S on the anhydrous basis

**Description** White crystals or a white crystalline powder, odourless or with a faint odour, having an

intensely sweet taste, even in very dilute solutions. Approximately between 300 and 500 times as sweet as sucrose

Identification

Solubility Freely soluble in water, sparingly soluble in ethanol

Purity

Loss on drying Not more than 8 % (120 °C, four hours)

Arsenic Not more than 3 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Selenium Not more than 30 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Lead Not more than 1 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Heavy metals Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed as Pb on dry weight basis

Benzoic and salicylic

acid

To 10 ml of a 1 in 20 solution, previously acidified with five drops of acetic acid, add three drops of an approximately molar solution of ferric chloride in water. No precipitate

or violet colour appears

 $o ext{-}Toluene sulphonamide$ 

p-Toluenesulphonamide

Benzoic acid p-sulfona-

mide

Readily carbonizable substances

Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Not more than 25 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Absent

#### E 957 — THAUMATIN

#### **Synonyms**

#### **Definition**

Chemical name

Thaumatin is obtained by aqueous extraction (pH 2,5 to 4) of the arils of the fruit of the natural strain of Thaumatococcus daniellii (Benth) and consists essentially of the proteins thaumatin I and thaumatin II together with minor amounts of plant constituents derived from the source material

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E number E 957

Chemical formula Polypeptide of 207 aminoacids

Relative molecular mass Thaumatin I 22209

Thaumatin II 22293

Not less than 16% nitrogen on the dried basis equivalent to not less than 94% proteins Assav

 $(N \times 5,8)$ 

Description Odourless, cream-coloured powder with an intensely sweet taste. Approximately 2 000

to 3 000 times as sweet as sucrose

Identification

Solubility Very soluble in water, insoluble in acetone

Purity

Not more than 9% (105°C to constant weight) Loss on drying

Carbohydrates Not more than 3% expressed on dry weight basis

Sulphated ash Not more than 2% expressed on dry weight basis

Aluminium Not more than 100 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Arsenic Not more than 3 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Lead 3 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Microbiological criteria Total aerobic microbial count: Max 1 000/g E. Coli: absent in 1 g

## E 959 — NEOHESPERIDINE DIHYDROCHALCONE

Neohesperidin dihydrochalcone, NHDC, hesperetin dihydrochalcone-4'-β-neohesper-Synonyms idoside, neohesperidin DC

Definition

Chemical name  $\hbox{2-O-}\alpha\text{-L-rhamnopyranosyl-4'-}\beta\text{-D-glucopyranosyl}\ \ hesperetin\ \ dihydrochalcone;\ \ ob-$ 

tained by catalytic hydrogenation of neohesperidin

243-978-6 Einecs

E number E 959 Chemical formula  $C_{28}H_{36}O_{15}$ 

Relative molecular mass

612,6 Assay Content not less than 96% on the dried basis

Description Off white, odourless, crystalline powder having a characteristic, intensive sweet taste. Approximately between 1 000 and 1 800 times as sweet as sucrose

Identification

A. Solubility Freely soluble in hot water, very slightly soluble in cold water, practically insoluble in

282 to 283 nm for a solution of 2 mg in 100 ml methanol B. Ultraviolet absorption maximum

C. Neu's test Dissolve about 10 mg of neohesperidine DC in 1 ml methanol, add 1 ml of a 1 % 2aminoethyl diphenyl borate methanolic solution. A bright yellow colour is produced

Purity

Loss on drying Not more than 11% (105°C, three huors)

Sulphated ash Not more than 0,2 % expressed on dry weight basis

Not more than 3 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis Arsenic

LeadNot more than 2 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed as Pb on dry weight basis Heavy metals